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Dear Ms. Dove,

I am writing this morning to express my desire for your agency to allow individuals like me to donate to candidates using Act Blue (or other similar websites) and consider this donation eligible for matching funds.

I think it is obvious to you that a law written 30 years ago did not consider nor imply that a service like this would exist, much less require the FEC to dismiss these individual donations as ineligible for matching funds.

If your agency in the end decides to look at this law in an extreme literal sense, and uses your draft opinion, despite the fact it could not have applied to this service, I think it will only reduce the public's interest in elections and our ability to support our desired candidate.

Act Blue is simply facilitating donations to candidates made by individuals. The 30 year old law says:

A matchable contribution consists of "a gift of money made by a written instrument which identifies the person making the contribution by full name and mailing address."

Do you also eliminate any donation made online, at a candidate's website using a credit card? For to me this law seems to prohibit a campaign from accepting any credit cards, especially if they are processed using a service such as Act Blue or any other services that process credit cards.

I am sure you will receive many more communications from private citizens like me that are written by lawyers, which I am not.

I am simply using common sense here, and do not think a 30 year old law, written before the internet existed, should punish candidates who used Act Blue or other similar services.

I urge you to reconsider your draft opinion, and change this rule to bring it inline with the 21st century.

Best Regards,

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